



REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-26 are pending and are the subject of the present Office Action. In the Office Action mailed May 16, 2001, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement under 35 USC 121, requiring restriction to one of the inventions of Groups I-V. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute in the present application the inventions embodied by the claims of Group I identified by the Examiner.

Claims 7-17, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 26 have been canceled without prejudice in the above amendment as being drawn to the non-elected inventions. Applicants do preserve the right to pursue claims directed to the non-elected inventions in further continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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